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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/823,973)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 9679
Filed: April 3, 2001)	
	:	Allowed: December 14, 2004
For: ILLUMINATION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND)	
SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS	:	December 22, 2004
USING THE SAME)	

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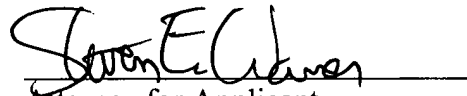
Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability dated December 14, 2004, in the above-identified application. Applicant, however, filed an Information Disclosure Statement on July 10, 2001, prior to issuance of the Notice of Allowance on December 14, 2004. To date, the Examiner has not yet indicated consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner indicate consideration of the material submitted in that Information Disclosure Statement, by initialing and returning a copy of the PTO-1449 form attached to that paper. Attached, for the Examiner's convenience, are copies of the Information

Disclosure Statement, the PTO-1449 form, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped postcard receipt indicating the filing of those papers on that date.

Applicant believes that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

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